

Bordelais do and English do. I am trying in several directions to get them for comparison for I can find little in the books about them. Those in commerce I fear are not always genuine. In fact one of our druggists told me a good deal of Venetian Turpentine was made in America, of Amer. Oil & Turp. of Amer. Resin. What do you think of that? If you are not writing, put me in communication with some one or several persons whom may be likely to aid me.

I am truly  
Lewis R. Gibbes.

Mrs Cunningham was to leave our city today for New York, and I planned to do so but I had no time to accompany her to the boat. My cousin with whom she is staying would do so.

I think she looks much improved though she requires repose through the day at intervals.

Charleston 30 May 1857

Prof. A. Gray Cambridge Mass.

My dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> and write to acknowledge the receipt of the "Mosses" for myself and Rawson. They came I think the day before the Epidendrum. Rawson has acknowledged to me the receipt of his. I hope soon to make arrangements for paying for it and settling one or two debts I have in in Boston or Cambridge. Proceedings of Amer. Assoc. which will be more convenient for me to settle together. The Mosses are beautiful and although I can hardly undertake to study them they will be valuable to me.

I am glad you are pleased with the Epidendrums. If it flowers dorothy will be a specimen for Flourens and I am afraid it shall not be successful in preserving my living plant. Engelmann sent me his Cact. of U.S. He says that the Beaufort plant may be *O. Tima* you say the one I sent you is *C. Ficus-indica*.

Do you mean that ~~there~~ are two species  
at Beaufort, or that what Engelmann sup-  
posed ~~was~~ but be C. Tenua is really C. Fida?  
E. says that our C. opuntia his O. erigone  
exists apparently only in the low countries  
east and southeast of the Alleghenies. Not,  
generally, not far from the sea coast.<sup>15</sup> I have  
seen what I take to be the same near our  
Md common and certainly on Pens Pt  
Greenville Dist. more than 200 miles from  
the ocean and more than 1500 feet above it.  
I think, but will not be confident, that I  
have seen it <sup>also</sup> on the higher mts more  
remote from the sea. - Can the plant I  
saw possibly be O. Rafinesquii E. At the  
distinctions seem to be chiefly of degree  
I am <sup>not</sup> sure that I could make them out without  
paying more attention than I did.

If Proc. Amer. Acad. I have two  
vis, however, more than one I do not know.  
have no objection to see them.

I have required for you for germinating  
Persimmons, but can get some until  
15. 3. at 10: A

fall, if the pods have opened any flower.  
Some seeds sent me the other day in water  
in a bottle have germinated out of all re-  
cognition, but as well as I can gather from  
the account given by my friend a botanist, they  
must be seeds of Frontiera aquatica.  
Although I had no idea they were so  
large when ripe. Do you want them? I  
suppose not for they grow with you. I think  
I have forgotten to mention receipt  
of plants from Sprague which came  
with the Moller. By the bye the paper  
were scorched and the plants <sup>are</sup> wanted  
to have escaped a conflagration. However the  
Did you put your Loran too near the bun-  
dle. I hope Mrs. E. will break you off the bad  
habit of smoking. The use of the "weel"  
is but means a "botanical" accom-  
plishment.

Don't forget temperature of P. resinosa  
and of P. rigida of N. States. Could you pro-  
cure for me through Amphy from European  
correspondent, samples of the temperatures  
of European Pines & Firs &c. Could Engel-  
mann do it. Say Venice temperature  
& not the oils or resins